

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION	*	
OF ARTESIAN WATER COMPANY, INC.	*	
FOR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE RATES	*	PSC Docket No. 14-132
AND CHARGES FOR WATER SERVICE	*	
(Filed April 11, 2014)	*	

PUBLIC NOTICE OF EVIDENTIARY HEARING

TO: ALL CUSTOMERS OF ARTESIAN WATER COMPANY

A Hearing Examiner of the Delaware Public Service Commission (“Commission”) will conduct an evidentiary hearing in the above-captioned matter (further explained below) at the following times and location:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Monday, December 8, 2014	10:00 a.m.	Carvel State Office Building The Auditorium
Tuesday, December 9, 2014	10:00 a.m.	Mezzanine Level 820 North French Street Wilmington, Delaware 19801

On April 11, 2014, Artesian Water Company, Inc. (“Artesian” or the “Company”) filed an application with the Commission requesting approval of a rate increase. The Company presently seeks an increase of \$9,859,005 (a 15.71 percent increase over existing rates). For specific proposed rates to be charged, *see* P.S.C. Order No. 8558 (May 13, 2014) on the Commission’s website at <http://depsec.delaware.gov/water.shtml> under “Important or Pending Cases,” PSC Docket No. 14-132. As permitted by law and as approved by the Commission in Order No. 8558, on June 10, 2014, Artesian placed into effect a temporary rate increase of \$2,460,674, or 3.92 percent.

The evidentiary hearing is for the purpose of formally introducing evidence by the parties to this proceeding. The Commission will make its decision on this matter on the basis of the evidence introduced into the record at the public evidentiary hearings. The Commission may approve or reject, in whole or in part, the proposed increase and tariff revisions and may approve a different method for allocating any increase should one be found to be appropriate. If a settlement agreement is reached, the evidentiary hearing will address whether it is in the public interest for the Commission to approve the Settlement Agreement.

Copies of the applications, prefiled testimonies, and exhibits to the prefiled testimony are available for public inspection on the Commission's website at <http://dep.sc.delaware.gov/water.shtml>, or during normal business hours at the Commission's Dover Office at 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Canon Building, Suite 100, Dover, DE 19904. If you would like to review documents at the Commission's offices, please contact Alisa Bentley at alisa.bentley@state.de.us to arrange a time for your review. You may also review copies of the documents at the following offices of the Division of the Public Advocate:

Carvel State Office Building,
820 N. French Street, 4th Floor
Wilmington, DE 19801

29 South State Street
Dover, DE 19901

Please call the Wilmington office at (302) 577-5077 or the Dover office at (302) 241-2545 to arrange for a time to review documents at those locations.

If you wish to request copies of documents in this matter, please submit a Freedom of Information Act Request Form. This form may be found at <http://smu.portal.delaware.gov/cgi-bin/mail.php?foia-request&subj=DOS>. There is a link to the Freedom of Information Act Request Form on the Commission's website, <http://dep.sc.delaware.gov/>. The Commission will

respond to your request in accordance with the Delaware Freedom of Information Act, 20 Del. C. ch. 100.

Any individual with disabilities who wishes to participate in these proceedings, or to review these filings, should contact the Commission to discuss any auxiliary aids or services needed to facilitate such review or participation. Such contact may be in person, by writing, by telephone, or otherwise. For inquiries, the Commission's toll free telephone number (in Delaware) is 1-800-282-8574. Any person with questions may also contact the Commission Staff at (302) 736-7500 and by Text Telephone also at (302) 736-7500. Inquiries can also be sent via the Internet to alisa.bentley@state.de.us.